

FOUR TONS OF MAIL ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Train Arrives Four Hours Late, Being Delayed by Connections

Las Vegas High School Defeats Tonopah High by 24 to 15

In a game devoid of sensational features on either side, but filled from start to finish with hard, clean playing, the Las Vegas basketball team followed up its victory over the Goldfield high Monday evening by defeating the Tonopah high school last

evening, 24 to 15. It was an interesting match from start to finish. Superior team work, more practice and more games played thus far this season, greater size and more speed were the factors that gave the victory to the visitors. In but two depart-

NO BONANZA ISSUED ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON

Pursuant to custom, the Bonanza will not be issued tomorrow, as it is desirable that every employee be given an opportunity to enjoy his turkey in the bosom of his family or with his friends, if he is fortunate enough to secure an invitation. With best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

BIGGEST ONE DAY'S BUSINESS IN THE HISTORY OF TONOPAH

Eighty-three sacks of parcels post, three sacks of first-class mail and twenty-two sacks of newspaper mail arrived in Tonopah this morning on the belated No. 24, which was delayed at Hazen waiting four hours

for main-line connections, with the special object of not disappointing any one on the eve of the great season of gift-giving.

To handle this load required four trips of a big dray to bring the mail

from the railroad station, and then the work of the distributors began. The pile of loaded sacks measured twelve by fifteen feet and there is no way of estimating the number of pieces in the lot.

An estimate of the star route contractor places the weight of the shipment at nearly five tons, all of which represents that much money spent for the enrichment of local residents.

Wells Fargo had four truckloads on its list and the distribution, under the direction of Manager Thomas Dwyer, placed every package at the house for which it was intended half an hour after being unloaded from the train.

MUSIC AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL BE OF A SUPERIOR ORDER

Instead of midnight mass to celebrate the birth of the Saviour, as is common in Catholic countries, there will be an early mass at St. Patrick's church tomorrow morning at 8:30, followed by another at 9 o'clock and high mass at 10 o'clock. At the early masses the children's choir will furnish the music under the leadership of Mrs. Kellher, and the high mass will have a choice musical program of selected pieces rendered by an augmented choir.

Julius Goldsmith will play a violin solo.

The choir will render Stearns' Mass in F, with the following members taking part:

Sopranos—Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. T. B. Flood, Mrs. A. Kellher, Miss Herferon.

Altos—Miss Deegan, Mrs. J. P. Sten-

son.

Tenors—Mrs. Ethier, Mr. Davis, Violin solo—Mr. Goldsmith.

Organist—Mrs. Osberque.

Bassoon—Mr. W. Roache, Mrs. J. Deegan.

Solo, "Ave Maria"—Mrs. Z. Kendall.

Director—Jack McGinn.

Father Flynn will speak on "The Mystery of Christ's Nativity."

The altar has been beautifully decorated by the ladies of the Sanctuary society, who have used a profusion of natural flowers brought from California. A striking feature of the church decorations is the scene at Bethlehem portrayed in vivid form with twenty pieces, including the Magi, the ox and ass and the Child Jesus in the manger with His Mother and Father Joseph watching over the infant.

Benediction of the most holy sacrament will be celebrated immediately after the third mass and evening devotions will be omitted.

On the following week Father Flynn is expecting a visit from Father Ed Mannix, son of County Treasurer Mannix, who is attached to the cathedral at Denver. Father Mannix is a graduate of the university at Louvain, Belgium, and is one of the most eloquent orators of the church. It is not now definitely known that Father Mannix will be able to come, as he has been expected by his parents, who planned a family reunion, and it is hoped that the people of Tonopah will have an opportunity to hear him from the pulpit.

Father Flynn extends an invitation to all persons to visit the church to view the beautiful crib and to attend the services Christmas morning. Visitors will see that visitors will find seats, but owing to the limited capacity of the church it is urged that all come in time.

NEW LAW NOW IN FORCE

SECRETARY McADOO WILL NAME THE RESERVE CITIES TOMORROW.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—With all the power of the law fresh from the pen of President Wilson behind them, Secretary McAdoo and Secretary Houston began working out details of the nation's new financial system today. These two cabinet members, acting as an organization committee, will determine the important preliminary moves necessary to be made before the installation of the machinery that is to operate the federal reserve system. The first step of the secretaries will be the selection of cities where federal reserve banks, the backbone of the system, will be located. The law provides for not less than eight nor more than twelve.

IDENTIFIED AS TRAIN ROBBER AND SLAYER

BANDIT SAID TO BE JOHN BOSTICK, WHO PLEADS INNOCENCE.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Los Angeles police have arrived for John Bostick, identified as the robber of the Sunset limited near Los Angeles in November, and murdered Traveling Passenger Agent Montague. Bostick denied his connection with the crimes. He said he had not left San Francisco in a long time. The police are certain the identification is positive.

RAINS IN CALIFORNIA HAILED WITH PLEASURE

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Rains are falling throughout California and the holiday season is disturbed by the visitation. The beneficial effects are so great that everybody is happy, as they feel this is a happy augury for a prosperous season for farmers, stockmen and fruit growers, who have suffered heavy losses in the last two years from lack of moisture at the growing season.

MYSTERY OF MAN'S KILLING

FORCES WAY INTO HOUSE AND IS KILLED BY THE OWNER.

(By Associated Press.)

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Frank Kenyon, a railroad telegrapher, was shot and killed at Amboy, in the home of Albert Webster, a young business man. The sheriff is searching for Webster, who is charged with the killing. Webster said Kenyon, who broke in his front door, took possession of the parlor and fired a shot at Webster, which missed him. No reason is known for the intrusion.

COWING OBSEQUIES ARE WELL ATTENDED

FINE DISPLAY OF FLOWERS, AND SERVICES ATTENDED BY LARGE NUMBERS.

Funeral services over the remains of the late Harry Cowing were conducted late yesterday afternoon at the hall of the Knights of Pythias by Rev. J. M. Swander. At the grave in the local cemetery the Knights of Pythias ritual was used. The pallbearers were Charles Epstine, Ed Regan, James Haywood, Fred Broadwell, S. O. Loupas and B. Strothers.

At the hall the choir of the Presbyterian church sang, and Mrs. Solender-Hanby rendered a solo. The funeral was attended by the Knights of Pythias in a body, the Pythian Sisters, a delegation from the Women of Woodcraft, and the Women's Relief corps. The display of flowers was fine, comprising a stately group representing the emblem of the order from the Knights of Pythias, a pillow from the Pythian Sisters, a pillow of roses from the Relief corps and other pieces from Mr. and Mrs. Broadwell and W. S. Marx.

AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICERS ATTEND REBEL BANQUET

(By Associated Press.)

CULIACAN, Sinaloa, Dec. 24.—Admiral Cowles and Captain Gilmore of the Pittsburgh and five other American naval officers were dinner guests of the constitutionalist officials of this state. They arrived and departed in a special train, furnished for their use. Good fellowship marked the banquet and compliments were exchanged.

STEAL ONLY DOLLAR AND TRY TO KILL MAN

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Highway men robbed Joseph Brosky of one dollar, placed their stunned victim across the railroad tracks and fled. A train amputated Brosky's legs. The victim is dying.

QUACKERY MURDER SUICIDE

FAKE PRACTITIONER IN CHICAGO RESENTS PUNISHMENT BY LAW.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A quack medical practitioner, Frank Klimek, attempted to kill Charles Ailing Jr., former alderman, now attorney for the state board of health, and then killed himself. The shooting was the outcome of the recent fining of Klimek in the sum of \$200 for practicing medicine without a license. Ailing, who prosecuted the case, was shot in the eye and may die.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR VACATION OF TEN DAYS

TREE FOR THE TOTS AND SPECIAL HOLIDAY FOR THE OLDER ONES.

The little folks in the kindergarten were delighted with a Christmas tree in their room at school today—for one group of children in the forenoon and another in the afternoon. An artistically decorated tree and tiny gifts were features. Some of the parents were on hand to help the youngsters enjoy the affair. There were also trees in Miss Wallace's part of the first grade and in the fourth grade, while in all of the primary rooms and upper grades a Christmas atmosphere prevailed.

According to a previous plan, all of the grades which had attained an average of 99 per cent in promptness and excused absence were granted a half holiday as a reward. The fourth grade had its half holiday last Friday, at the close of the school day, while the following grades had theirs this afternoon—grade 1, Miss Wallace's division; 2, 3, 5, Miss Bennett's division; grades 5 and 6, Miss McElroy's room, and the seventh.

Vacation begins tomorrow and lasts until January 5. Three of the teachers were allowed by the school board to go in time to reach their homes for Christmas day, and substitutes were provided at the expense of the teachers.

WATCH FOR PROWLERS AND CALL THE POLICE

Two street patrolmen will be on duty this evening as this is the time when crooks delight to operate. Chief of Police Evans will be at the telephone all night and he wants everybody who sees suspicious characters lurking in their neighborhood to notify him and he will respond on a motorcycle.

NYE COUNTY HELPS STATE WITH A NICE DONATION

Mr. Frank Mannix, county treasurer, did a little distributing this morning by sending \$22,308.24 to the state treasurer at Carson City. This is Nye county's share of the taxes and does not include any other outside taxes except \$40 sheep tax. This is the semi-annual remittance.

CHRISTMAS DAY BOXING CARD AT THE CASINO

THREE GOOD EVENTS WILL BE SEEN TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

A boxing contest to orchestral accompaniment is an attraction that is seldom seen, especially in this part of the world. Tomorrow afternoon at the Casino the event between Fred Lydon and Eddie Bartlett will be staged with a number of accessories that will add to the drawing powers of the regular card. These will include several cornet solos by a new member of the orchestra, who recently arrived from San Francisco, who is reputed to be an artist of a high standard.

The principals in the main event have been training regularly and their exhibitions at the Casino have elicited praise from admirers of both men, who are said to be more evenly matched than was the case in recent events.

Jack Minnick, whose decision at the Nevada theater gave eminent satisfaction, will hold down the job of referee. Jimmy Welsh and Kid Mills will appear in six rounds and Joe Murphy will take Jimmy O'Connell on for four rounds.

The admission is fixed at \$1 and \$1.50, with ringside seats placed at \$2.50. The fight begins at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

POWER COMPANY WILL STOP SERVICE IN THE MORNING

The entire transmission lines of the Nevada-California Power company will take a rest tomorrow morning between 8 and 9:30 o'clock for the purpose of testing details of the service that cannot be attended to when the lines are in operation. The mines of Tonopah will also close for one shift.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON HAS A NEW PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Henry Landes, state geologist and dean of the school of sciences in the University of Washington, was elected acting president of the university, succeeding Thomas Kane, removed by the regents.

WROTE A CHECK BUT COULD NOT GET IT CASHED

STRANGER IN CAMP TRIES TO PUT ONE OVER THE OWNER OF THE NORTHERN.

John Clark of the Northern has about concluded that there is no such thing as gratitude in human nature. Last week he extended hospitality to a newly arrived couple by furnishing them with a cosy room for the night and lending them \$4 the following morning to buy breakfast and see them on their way. As a result he had to face charges preferred before the county commissioners, where he had no trouble in exculpating himself.

Yesterday he had a similar experience. George Hurst, a stranger in town, and penniless, was given a room for the night. When Clark arose about noon he found his private desk had been rifled and his check book and a lot of valuable memoranda taken. These included blank checks on the Stockton Security and Loan society of Stockton, Cal., where he carries an account. Hurst was missing, but he left an unmistakable trail that quickly led to his detection and arrest. He had filled out one of the checks for \$150, writing in "The Tonopah Banking Corporation," and signed the name of "John M. Clark." He showed the Clark bankbook at the Pullman saloon in an effort to have the paper cashed, but the saloon man was skeptical and said he did not have the funds. Then Hurst went to the Chinese noodle joint on Main street. There he was detained until Chief of Police Evans arrived and took Hurst in charge. He will have to answer to a charge of forgery.

SUSPECTED OF PEDDLING WHISKEY TO INDIANS

John Doe Rayner was vagued this morning for hanging around town without any visible means of support. He has been frequenting the lower district and is suspected of selling liquor to Indians.

TEMPERATURE REPORT.

Highest temperature yesterday, 25 degrees; a year ago, 39. Lowest temperature last night, 18 degrees; a year ago, 25.

M'ADOO ACTS AS PRESIDENT OF THE U. S.

PRESIDENT AND BRYAN AWAY FROM CAPITAL FOR A REST.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary McAdoo will be acting president of the United States tomorrow, in the absence of President Wilson and Vice President Marshall. Clark will dine with his family and then leave for a lecture tour in New England. Secretary of State Bryan is at Miami, Fla. Secretary Garrison will visit his wife and brother in New Jersey. Secretary Daniels is at Raleigh, N. C., and Secretary McReynolds will visit his mother in Kentucky. Others of the cabinet will remain in Washington.

YOUNG MURDERER ADMITS HE LIED

IMPLICATES ANOTHER BOY THROUGH DESIRE TO HAVE HIM PUNISHED.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Louis Bundy confessed he wrongfully implicated Walter Smith in the murder of Harold Ziesche. He said he implicated Smith because he did not wish to be punished alone.

REBELS RETAKE TORREON.

(By Associated Press.)

JUAREZ, Dec. 24.—Rebels retook Torreon, after heavy fighting. Twelve thousand were engaged and many were killed.

Miners' Union Charity Ball and Christmas Gift Giving

The thirteenth annual charity ball of the Miners' union will be held this evening at Miners' Exchange hall, when it is expected that the attendance will be equal to the capacity of the hall. Special music has been provided for the occasion and a five-piece orchestra will discourse selections for the dancers. The hall has been nicely decorated for the occasion.

This has been considered the most practical annual event since the winter of 1904-05, when the Miners' union opened its hospital and took care of every one who was stricken with pneumonia, which was known through the outside world as the black plague. During that awful period of the camp's history, when there were no facilities for caring for the sick and few men could boast of

more than a tent shack, the Miners' union put up a hospital and made welcome all those who required attention, regardless of their affiliation with labor unions or not. They drew no caste lines and did not inquire about a man's creed. They simply took care of him and, if he died and was without means, they saw that he was given decent burial. No worthier cause than this exists today, and the union is entitled to the most liberal encouragement.

In accordance with the usual custom, Tonopah Miners' union will give a celebration for the children of Tonopah on Christmas day. This custom the Tonopah Miners' union has followed in Tonopah for thirteen years. It is hoped that the children of Tonopah will turn out en masse to enjoy the festivities and partake of the good things that Santa Claus will

provide. The following program will start promptly at 2 p. m.:

Selection by the Tonopah band; welcoming address by T. M. Fagan, president of Tonopah Miners' union; singing by Miss Bradley's class; recitation, Vernie Cleary; song, Erlene Anderson; recitation, Vernie Luce; duet, Georgia Money and Maurine Goldsmith; recitation, Evelyn Carlson; song, Eva Emory; recitation, Lloyd Swasey; song, Beatrice Parker; selection by Tonopah band; recitation, Starr Rose; song, Clifford Brissell; recitation, Greta Hamma; dance, Lucile Mannix; recitation, Cornelia Murphy; song, Irene and Ethel Farrell; recitation, Gaius Gingles; selection by the Tonopah band; distribution of presents by Santa Claus; recitation, Lawrence Kinsella; recitation, Mary Cavanaugh; song, Marie Mitchell; recitation, Samuel Mitchell.